

MRS. QUINN ATTEMPTS TO CLEAR MYSTERY SURROUNDING DEATHS OF THREE HUSBANDS

Alleges Two Were Shot by Burglars—Police Accuse Her of Robbing Own Home.

Mrs. Jane Quinn, held by the police in connection with the mysterious and fatal shooting of her husband, John M. Quinn, will take the stand this afternoon at the second day's hearing of the coroner's inquest into the death of Quinn, and attempt to shatter the structure of evidence the police have erected around her, not only in the death of Quinn, but also of two former husbands, John McDonald and Warren Thorpe.

She will endeavor first to explain away the mystery connected with the death of McDonald, her first husband.

McDonald was a strong and robust man, though addicted to drink. He died suddenly, and his death was attributed to alcoholism.

His body may be disinterred by the police in a search for traces of poison which may have resulted in his death.

Seventeen days after the death of McDonald she married Thorpe.

Another ordeal will come when she tries to clear herself of suspicion in the case of Thorpe. After his death she was held by the police of Jackson, Mich., but released for lack of evidence to connect her with a crime.

Thorpe was shot while sitting in a chair leaning over lacing his

shoes in the kitchen of their home. Mrs. Quinn was the only person in the house at the time.

She ran to the door and cried to Thorpe's son that her husband had shot himself.

And against her assertion of self destruction is the fact that no powder marks were found on his face.

Also there is the statement of Thorpe's son that his father, an hour before his death, had made an engagement to visit another son that evening.

Thorpe intended to see this son and turn over to him title for a 160-acre farm. His death resulted in a division of the estate, and Mrs. Quinn received \$2,000 as her share and a \$2,000 life insurance policy.

Mrs. Quinn says her third husband was shot by a burglar who reached his hand under Quinn's pillow and took some money that was there.

Under this same pillow was Quinn's watch, which was not taken. Boarders sleeping in adjoining rooms heard the shot fired, but saw no one leave the premises.

And a revolver was found wrapped in a towel under a bathtub in the house. One chamber had been fired, and the bullet was of the same caliber as that which killed Quinn.

One of the boarders in the house said the revolver belonged to him. He lost it about a week